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SUBJ: SPANISH RADIO REPORTS SENTENCING OF PALESTINIANS
IN MOROCCO

REF: RABAT 5505

1. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE VERIFY INFORMATION REPORTED
REFTEL. MOST PERSONS CONTACTED PROFESS HAVE NO KNOW-
LEDGE OF AS SAFIR REPORT OF SENTENCING AND SUBSEQUENT
ROYAL DEPORTATION ORDER OF PALESTINIANS ACCUSED OF
PLOTING AGAINST KING HUSSEIN'S LIFE. JUDICIARY SOURCE
DENIED FLATLY THAT SENTENCES HAD BEEN PASSED. ONLY
PALESTINIANS ARRESTED, THE SOURCE SAID, WERE THOSE
LIVING IN MOROCCO WHO WERE HELD IN CUSTODY IN TANGIER
DURING PERIOD OF SUMMIT CONFERENCE. ALL THESE PEOPLE
HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED, SOURCE ASSERTS.

2. COMMENT: "AS SAFIR" STORY SEEMS PLAUSIBLE. CONCEPT
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OF "SENTENCING" TERRORISTS AND THEN ALLOWING THEM TO

LEAVE COUNTRY HAS CURRENCY IN ARAB WORLD. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT FORMAL JUDICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST TERRORISTS. JUDICIARY SOURCE JUST MENTIONED WELL PLACED AND WE DOUBT THIS PERSON WOULD HAVE MADE DENIAL SO SPECIFIC HAD THERE IN FACT BEEN A TRIAL.

3. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ONLY PALESTINIANS ARRESTED WERE THOSE RESIDENT IN MOROCCO. THERE IS SIMPLY TOO MUCH EVIDENCE OF ATTEMPTED INFILTRATION BY EXTREMIST PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS. FATE OF ANY OF THESE EXTREMISTS ARRESTED REMAINS UNKNOWN FOR THE MOMENT.
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